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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM: ALTHOUGH FIGHTING HAS SLACKENED IN MOST PARTS OF SOUTH VIETNAM, MILITARY ACTIVITY BY BOTH SIDES REMAINS RELATIVELY HIGH. THE COMMUNISTS HAVE OVERRUN SEVERAL GOVERNMENT OUTPOSTS IN THE DELTA, ISOLATED A DISTRICT TOWN IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE, AND FORCED THE GOVERNMENT TO ABANDON A TERRITORIAL BASE IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE. SOME OF THESE ACTIONS MAY BE IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT SUCCESSFUL GOVERNMENT SECURITY OPERATIONS IN CHUONG THIEN, DINH TUONG, AND KIEN HOA PROVINCES. NORTH OF SAIGON, THE GOVERNMENT'S ROUTE 13 CLEARING OPERATION REMAINS STALLED. THE LEVEL OF FIGHTING IN THE SAIGON REGION HAS DECLINED. IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS, MILITARY ACTION HAS TAPERED OFF CONSIDERABLY WEST OF KONTUM CITY, WHERE NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES ARE REPORTEDLY MOVING TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR RECENT GAINS IN DLUY VEN PROVINCE.

~~GOVERNMENT TERRITORIALS REPORTED DESTROYING SOME 100 VIET CONG~~  
No Objection to Declassification in Part 2010/08/31 : LOC-HAK-547-7-25-0  
~~HOUSING AND STORAGE BUILDINGS ON JUNE 10. SIMILAR GOVERNMENT~~  
~~ACTIVITY IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE LAST WEEK PROVOKED SHARP COM-~~  
~~MUNIST COUNTERATTACKS. IN QUANG NGAI, THE COMMUNISTS ARE~~  
~~MAINTAINING PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT FORCES TRYING TO ESTABLISH~~  
~~POSITIONS IN THE SONG VE VALLEY. SPORADIC COMMUNIST SHELLINGS,~~  
~~INCLUDING THE USE OF LONG-RANGE 130-MM. GUNS, CONTINUE IN BOTH~~  
~~QUANG TIN AND QUANG NAM PROVINCES.~~

DRV RAIL LINE MAY BE EXTENDED INTO QUANG TRI:

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ARVN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS HAVE LEARNED  
THAT A NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION VISITED DONG HA IN MAY TO  
MAKE A SURVEY CONCERNING RESTORATION OF THE RAILROAD FROM  
NORTH VIETNAM TO QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THEIR INTENTION RE-  
PORTEDLY IS TO REOPEN THE RAIL LINE FROM VINH TO A POINT  
NEAR THE AI TU BASE, JUST NORTH OF QUANG TRI CITY. THE DELE-  
GATION ALSO INVESTIGATED THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING A RAILROAD  
BRANCH LINE TO KHE SANH FROM DONG HA.

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ROAD DEVELOPMENT IN MILITARY REGION I: NORTH VIETNAM IS DEVELOPING ALL-SEASON, HIGH-CAPACITY ROADS IN MILITARY REGION I SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE LAO PANHANDLE. SINCE THE JANUARY CEASE-FIRE, SOME 250 MILES OF NEW ROADS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED, AND AT LEAST 110 MILES HAVE BEEN IMPROVED. THIS EFFORT NOW PROVIDES A MOTORABLE CORRIDOR SOME 130 MILES SOUTH FROM THE DMZ TO QUANG BINH PROVINCE AS WELL AS SOME LATERALS TO THE LOWLANDS. DURING DRY WEATHER, MOST OF THESE ROADS CAN SUPPORT TWO-LANE, HIGH SPEED TRAFFIC.

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